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EDITOR'S CORNER

The Law School has come home. After thirty-four years of being a part of St. Mary's University, we have moved into new quarters on the main campus. To those who have been fortunate enough to see the new Law Center, there is no need for a description from me, and, unfortunately for those who have not seen the complex, any description that I might give would be sadly lacking. Suffice it to say that the Faculty and Student Body of the School of Law now find themselves in magnificent surroundings, and we are very proud.

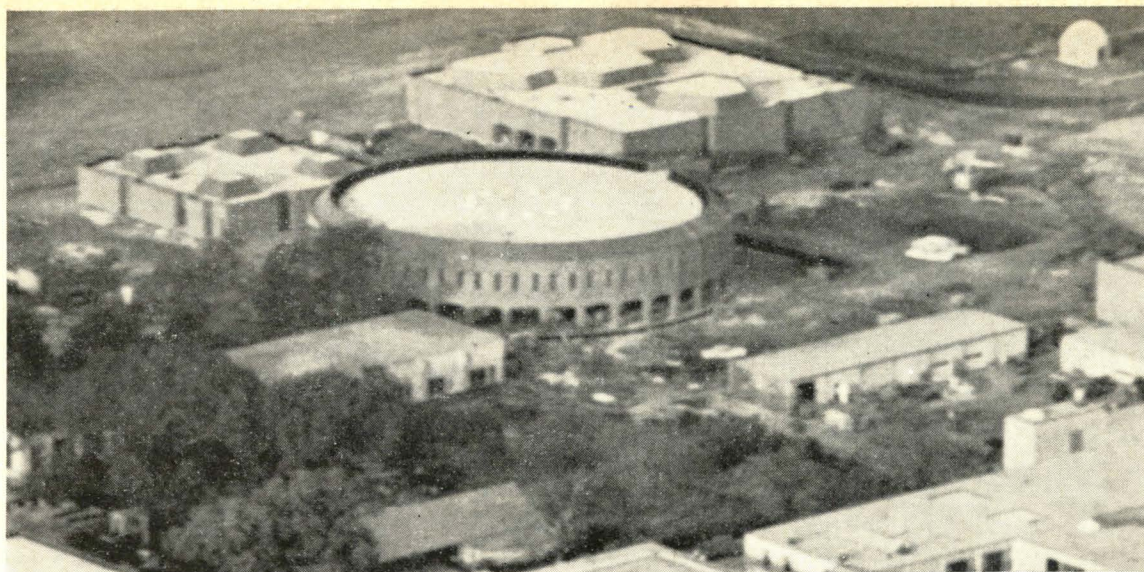
—The Editor

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THE COVER

A group of Freshmen law students grace the steps of the classroom building. The photo is taken looking out towards the faculty office building.



Aerial view of new Law Center (Left to Right) Faculty Offices; Library; Classroom Building

NEW LAW CENTER

As an integral part of St. Mary's University's program for excellence, "Education 6,000," a 2.4 Million Dollar Law Center has been added to the expanding campus of the University.

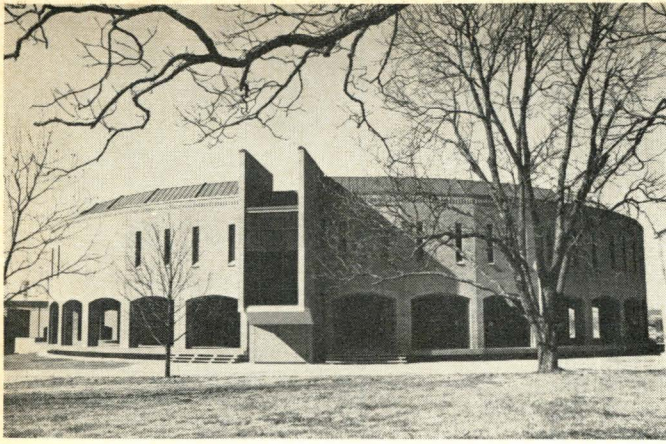
In forty-one years St. Mary's University School of Law has developed from a small downtown school to its present modern facilities. Established in 1927 by the San Antonio Bar Association, the school was known as the San Antonio School of Law. By September of 1934, St. Mary's University and the Order of the Brothers of Mary assumed control and the development of the "Lawyer's Law School" began. By 1948, the School of Law was approved by the American Bar Association and in 1949, it was admitted to membership in the Association of American Law Schools.

The move from downtown to the new center in January of this year marked the realization of a dream and the end result of years of hard work and worry by Ernest Raba, Dean of the Law School and The Very Reverend Louis J. Blume, President of St. Mary's University.

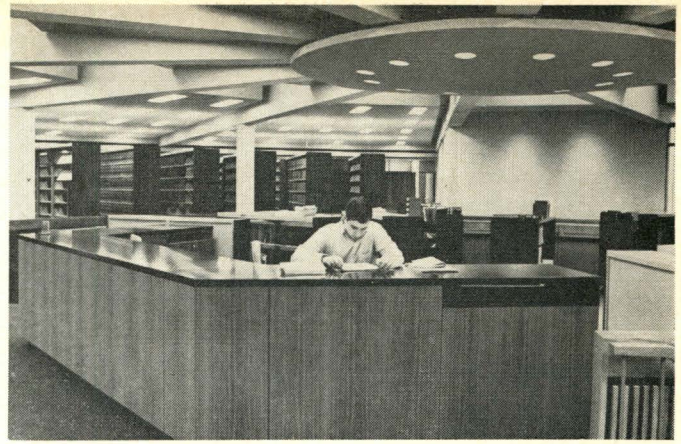
The three-building law center consists of a unique circular Law Library, a Law Administration

building, and a Law Classroom and Moot Court building. The complex was designed with three buildings to facilitate landscaping and to prevent the problem of corridor noise. Brooks Martin, the architect, labels the architecture as Texas-Colonial, marked by high slit-windows atop arched colonades.

The two-story Law Library incorporates all the latest features of a specialty library, designed on a radiation principle for ease of research use. The library is the most impressive building of the complex, and is extremely well-suited to the study of law and the carrying on of other student activities. The ground floor of the library contains seven seminar rooms, a student lounge and reception area. Offices have been provided for student organizations such as the Student Bar Association, the fraternities, and the "Barrister News." Two winding staircases lead students to the upper floor of the library which houses the reading room, and the collection of law books and periodicals. For individual study, research charrels have been provided for the student's use. Also, for group study, larger glassed-in charrels have been provided for a maximum of four people.



The Law Library (looking west)



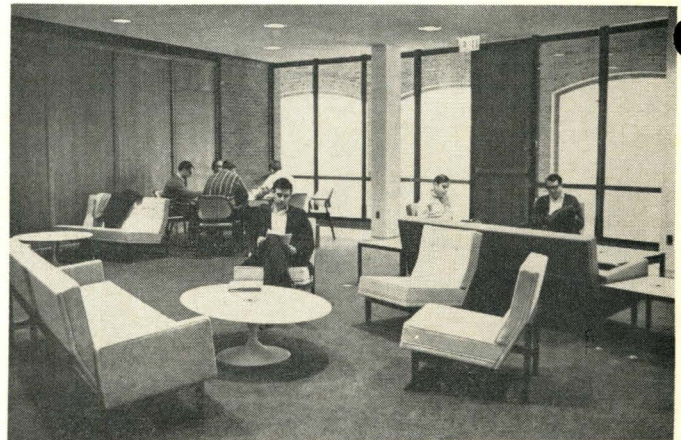
Circulation desk for the Law Library.

Paul F. Ferguson, the Law Librarian, states that the library has over 100,000 unduplicated volumes and there are plans to expand in the future.

The classroom-moot court building contains four lecture halls, each having a seating capacity of about 100 students. Three of the halls have been designed with movable walls enabling them to form one large auditorium or a moot court room. The lecture halls are acoustically perfect, and lectures may be conducted in a conversational tone of voice. They are also designed so that the professor is in close proximity to every student, which feature, combined with swivel seats enables each student to see the professor and the blackboard from anywhere in the room. In addition to the lecture halls, the building contains four seminar rooms, each of which can seat about thirty persons.

The Faculty Office Building houses the Dean's office, the Assistant Dean's office, a conference room, an operations office, and fourteen faculty offices, as well as a faculty lounge containing a research library.

The most striking feature of the Law Center is not simply its beauty, and it is beautiful, but its utility. The complex and its buildings create an atmosphere which is very conducive to the study and research of law. The student feels that an atmosphere of professionalism pervades throughout the complex, and his task of learning the law is made much easier by the very fact that the buildings give him a sense of, not simply pride in his school, but a sense of capability which enables him to approach his often difficult tasks with a mind prepared to meet them.



The Student Lounge, located on the ground floor of the Library Building.

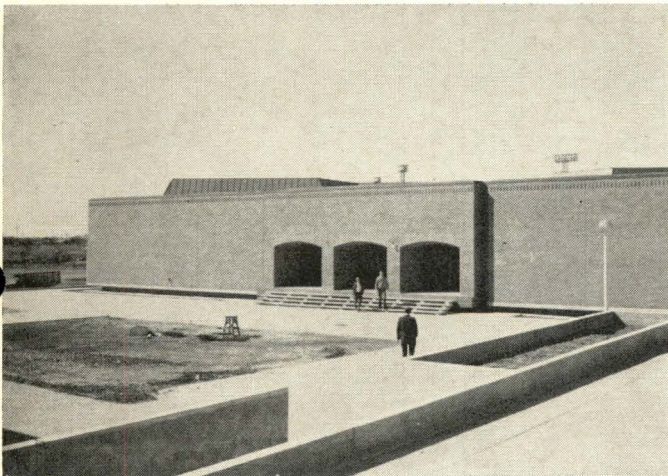
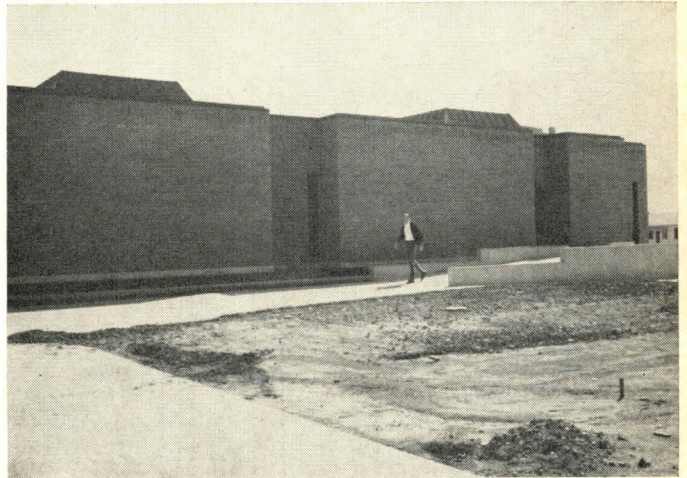


Study tables located on the second floor of the library. In the rear are charrels for more secluded study.



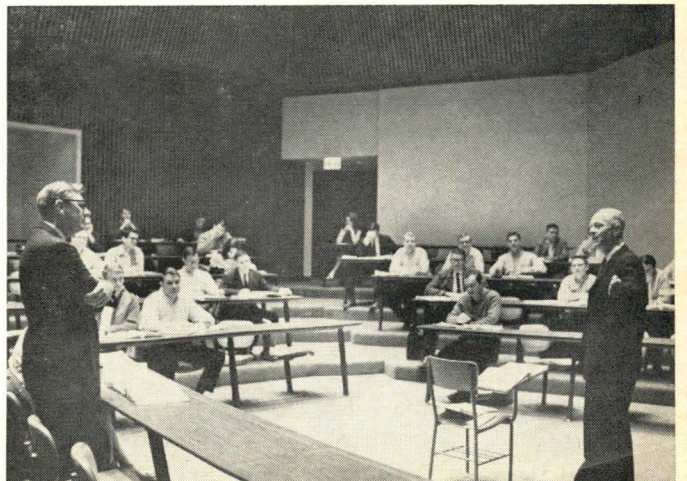
Left: The rotunda with twin staircases leading to the second floor of the library.

Right: Exterior view of faculty offices



Left: Exterior view of Classroom Building.

Right: Interior view of a classroom during Professor Walker's Evidence Class.



NEW PROFS

In accordance with the expansion program of the Law School, four men have joined the law faculty.

JAMES R. NORVELL



The most recent addition to the Law School Faculty is Judge James R. Norvell, who will teach at the law school after his retirement from the Supreme Court of Texas later this year.

Associate Justice James R. Norvell was elected to the Supreme Court of Texas in 1956 and took office on January 1, 1957. Prior to that time he had served as Associate Justice of the Fourth Court of Civil Appeals at San Antonio for 17 years.

Judge Norvell was born in Hayden, Routt County, Colorado on September 24, 1902. He graduated from the University of Colorado and immediately moved to Texas, passed the Bar Examination and commenced the practice of law in Edinburg, Texas in 1926. After practicing law in Edinburg for 14 years, Judge Norvell was appointed to the San Antonio appellate court on January 1, 1940. He was elected to that position three times—1940, 1946, and 1952.

He has long been active in the work of the organized bar at local and state levels. He served as President of the Hidalgo County Bar Association in 1937; Chairman of the State Bar Committee on Administration of Justice in 1951-55. At present, he is serving as the Supreme Court representative on the Texas Civil Judicial Council.

The Judge has written approximately 1,000 opinions of which more than 850 were adopted by the court, and of the judges now serving in Texas, his tenure of service is exceeded only by Chief

Justice Clyde Grissom of the Eastland Court of Civil Appeals and Justice Jake Tirey of the Waco Court of Civil Appeals.

Judge Norvell has also been active in the preparation of legal articles in Law Reviews and other similar publications. Among the articles written by him are:

"Invasion of the Province of the Jury," 31 TLR 731.

"Oran M. Roberts and the Semicolon Court," 37 TLR 279.

"The Work of the Texas Courts of Civil Appeals 1951 to 1958, inclusive," (with Judge T. C. Chadick and Leo Donovan).

"The Railroad Commission of Texas; its Origin and Relation to the Oil and Gas Industry," 40 TLR 230

"Original Jurisdiction of the Courts of Civil Appeals to Issue Extraordinary Writs," 3 SW L J 389

"Lewis V. Ames—An Ancient Cause Revisited," 13 SW L J 301

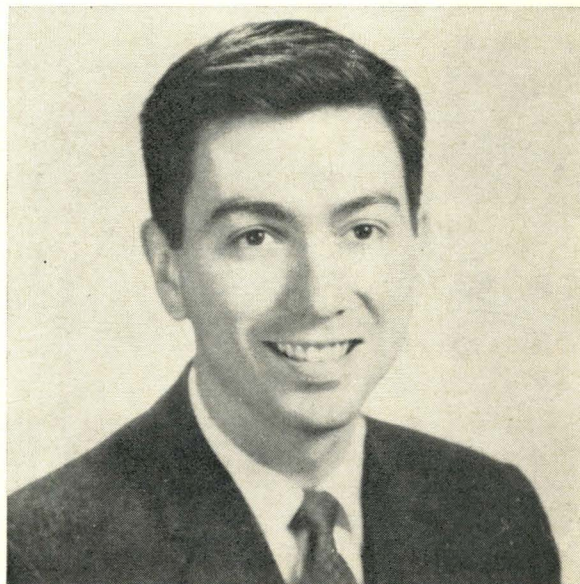
"The Case on Appeal," 1 South Texas Law Journal 229

"The Supreme Court of Texas Under the Confederacy," 4 Houston Law Review 46

Judge Norvell is a member of the American Bar Association, the Texas State Bar Association, the American Judicature Society, the San Antonio Bar Association, the Hill County Bar Association, Travis County Bar Association, Philosophical Society of Texas and the Texas State Historical Association.

After joining the faculty of St. Mary's University School of Law, Judge Norvell will teach "Procedure" and "Evidence" and also do legal writing in law research areas.

CHARLES CANTU



Charles Cantu joined the faculty of the Law School in September of 1966 as an assistant professor. His courses of instruction are Torts, Contracts, and Law and Society.

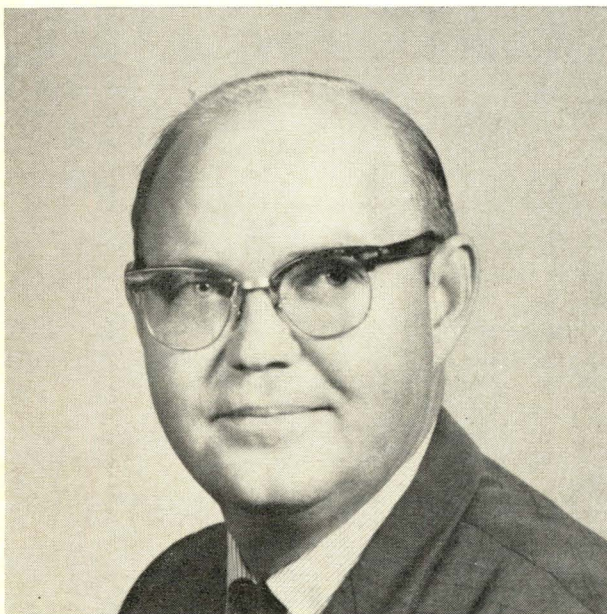
He was born on August 3, 1939 in Harlingen, Texas. Later, his family moved to San Antonio

where he graduated from John Marshall High School. He did his undergraduate work at the University of Texas and received his BBA there. He also studied Liberal Arts at the Universidad Tecnológica in Monterrey, Mexico. Mr. Cantu received his LLB from St. Mary's University School of Law in 1964, and his MCL from Southern Methodist University in 1965. In 1966 he received a certificate of study from the Fullbright-Hays Commission for the study of Comparative Law at Gabriel Rene Moreno in Santa Cruz, Bolivia.

While attending Law School at St. Mary's University, Mr. Cantu was Vice-President and later President of the Student Bar Association, Editor-in-Chief of the "Barrister News," ALSA representative, a member of Phi Delta Phi Legal Fraternity, National Vice-President of the American Student Bar Association, recipient of the Law Leadership Award, a Dean's List student, and was selected for inclusion in "Who's Who In American Colleges and Universities."

Mr. Cantu, who was admitted to the Texas State Bar Association in 1964, is also a member of the San Antonio Junior Bar Association, The American Bar Association, and is a member of the International Comparative Law Committee of the American Bar Association.

AL LEOPOLD



Al Leopold, another recent addition to the full-time faculty of the Law School, was born in Nada, Texas, and received his high school and pre-law education at St. John's and Assumption Seminaries in San Antonio.

After a two year tour of duty with the U.S. Army, he entered St. Mary's School of Law in 1959 and received his LLB here in 1962.

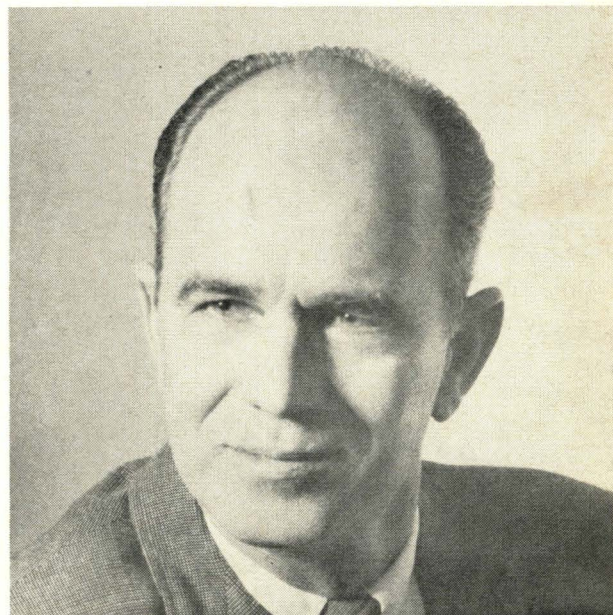
While in law school, he was a member of Delta Theta Phi Fraternity, Editor of the "Barrister News," President of the Student Bar Association, and on the Dean's List. He was the recipient of the Delta Theta Phi Scholarship Key, Phi Delta Phi Outstanding Freshman, winner of the Phi Delta

Phi Outstanding Graduate Award, recipient of the Barrister's Club Certificate of Achievement, winner of the John Peace Award, the Wall Street Journal Award, the Lawyer's Title Insurance Award, and was nominated for inclusion in "Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities."

Upon graduation from the Law School and his admission to the Bar, he was an associate in the law firm of Kelley, Looney, McLean, and Littleton in Edinburg, Texas. Two and one-half years later he practiced in the partnership of Peña, Leopold, and MacDonald until joining the faculty of St. Mary's. While in private practice, he was on the Editorial Board of the Junior Bar of Texas Committee on Continuing Legal Education which published the "Handbook of the State Junior Bar of Texas."

This fall Mr. Leopold taught Property, Marital Community, and Preparation of Legal Documents.

CHARLES KERR



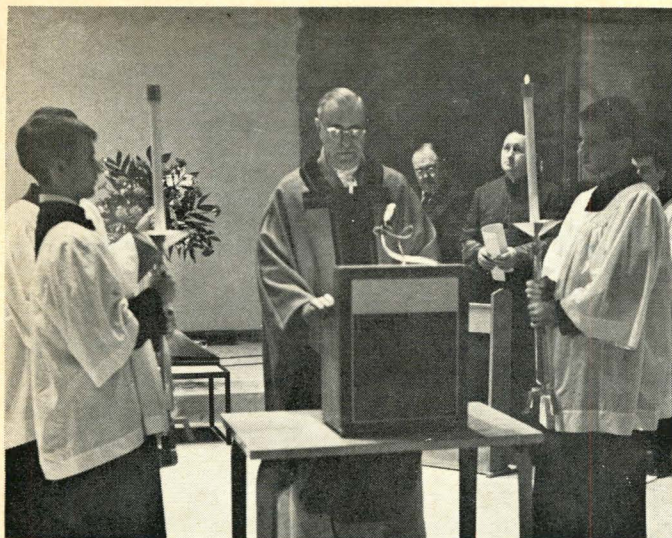
Charles Kerr, also a new addition to the faculty of St. Mary's Law School, was born in Birmingham, Alabama. He received his high school education at St. Clair County High School in Odenville, Alabama.

His undergraduate and legal education was obtained at the University of Alabama, and he received his LLB in 1951. While in law school, Mr. Kerr was a member of the Alabama Law Review Staff, and was initiated into the Farrah Order of Jurisprudence, which is an honor society of the law school.

Upon graduation and admission to the State Bar, Mr. Kerr practiced in Greensboro, Alabama in the firm of Withers and Kerr, until 1960. He was a sole practitioner from 1960 until 1966 at which time he entered Southern Methodist University for graduate work in Taxation.

He joined the faculty in June, 1967, and this fall taught Federal Tax, Sales, Bills and Notes and Corporations.

He is a veteran of WWII and served with the 1st Marines from 1942-1946.



Father Blume celebrates Red Mass.

RED MASS

The Fifteenth Annual Red Mass of the St. Mary's University School of Law was held on November 9, 1967, in the Law Lecture Halls on the Woodlawn Campus.

The Very Rev. Louis J. Blume, S.M., President of St. Mary's University was the Chief Celebrant, and the sermon was delivered by The Very Rev. Patrick J. Murray, J.C.L., Vice-Chancellor of the Archdiocese of San Antonio. Music was provided by the Marionist Scholastic Choir.

The Red Mass has been a legal and judicial tradition since the reign of King Edward I in the early fourteenth century. The name "Red Mass" is derived from the red Vestments which the Priests wear during the ceremony. The Red Mass was held prior to the Fall term of the courts on a date close to Michaelmas to mark the opening of the Parliamentary, Judicial, and Academic year. Fourteen years ago the tradition was revived in San Antonio by the St. Mary's University School of Law and the Catholic Lawyers' Guild of San Antonio to implore the help of God in their work and to ask the Holy Spirit to keep them true to justice even to the shedding of blood.

In addition to the Faculty, Student Body, local attorneys, and friends of the law school, the Mass was attended by members of the Supreme Court of Texas and the Court of Criminal Appeals of Texas and Judges of Bexar County.

A reception was held following the Red Mass honoring Judge and Mrs. James R. Norvell at which the Judge was welcomed to the Law School after his appointment as a full professor on the Law School Faculty.



The Late P. H. Swearingen, Sr.

LAW LIBRARY DONATED TO LAW FACULTY

The \$10,000 Pat Swearingen Faculty Law Library collection has been donated to the new St. Mary's University Law Center in memory of the late P. H. Swearingen, Sr.

The gift from the estates of Mr. and Mrs. P. H. Swearingen, Sr. was presented by Mr. and Mrs. P. H. Swearingen, Jr. and consists partly of books from the law library of the late San Antonio attorney who marked his 50th year of practicing law just before his death in June 1966.

Dean Raba said "The St. Mary's Law School is extremely grateful and privileged to receive this valued collection and to have it become a part of the modern Law School complex on the St. Mary's Woodlawn campus."

Born in San Antonio in 1893, Pat Swearingen attended San Antonio schools and received his BA and LLB degrees at the University of Texas where he was a member of The Chancellors and Phi Delta Phi legal fraternity.

Admitted to the Texas Bar Association in 1916, he served as an artillery officer in World War I and devoted the rest of his life to the practice of law in San Antonio. He was a long-time member of the board of trustees of the St. Mary's Law School, and a member of the San Antonio, Texas, and American Bar Associations.

He was a director of the Alamo National Bank, the San Antonio Savings Association, and Travis Savings and Loan Association.



(Left to right) Gail Zimmerman, Patsy Lawrence, Bo Barton, Teresa Calame, and Helen Manning.

LAW WIVES

On April 20th Delta Alpha Delta, Law Wives Club, held installations for the new 1967-68 officers. The new officers for the year are Bo Barton, President; Patsy Lawrence, Vice President; Gail Zimmerman, Secretary; Helen Manning, Treasurer; and Teresa Calame, Public Relations.

While busily occupied with bake sales and social events, the members of Delta Alpha Delta sold raffle tickets for a deer rifle. The rifle was generously donated by Dean Raba. The raffle was held November 10, and the proud and surprised winner was Bill Hyder.

Delta Alpha Delta's year began with a welcoming party for the new members. The party was held at the Pecan Grove picnic area on the St. Mary's Campus. Guest speaker for the evening was Dean Raba. The Very Reverend Father Blume conducted a tour through the new law buildings.

The first meeting in October was held at Chaminade Hall Lounge at St. Mary's University. Mrs. Kristy Kendall from Jewel Design store demonstrated different arts and crafts with flowers and jewelry.

Delta Alpha Delta joined the Barristers Club in holding a Christmas party which was held December 8th, at the Colonies North Club House on Colony Road.

On December 14th, Mr. Crawford Reeder spoke to the wives and their husbands on "The Care and Feeding of the Pre-Exam Husband."

On January 11th, Sue Felder presented a demonstration and talk on emergency first-aid for children and "What To Do Before the Doctor Arrives."

The very well known and popular speaker, Judge Solomon Casseb, was the guest speaker on February 8th.

On March 14, ex-state Senator, Franklin Spears will speak to the wives and their husbands. His topic, "After Graduation—What?"

This will conclude Delta Alpha Delta's series of social meetings with speakers for the year. As on April 11, elections for new officers are held, and May 9 is the date for the initiation of new officers.

WHO'S WHO SELECTIONS

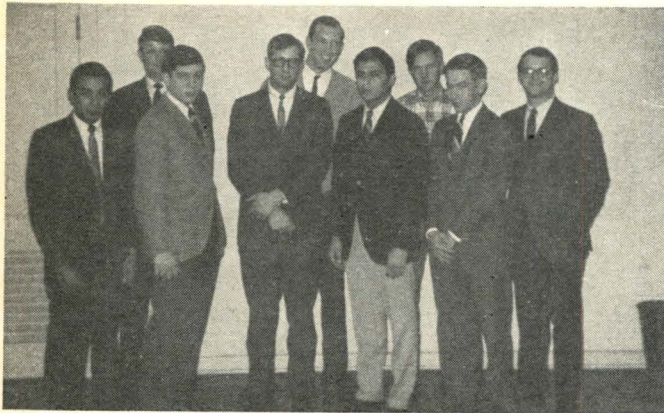
Vick Putman and Karl Rubinstein were selected from the Law School for recognition in the publication "Who's Who Among Students In American Universities And Colleges" for 1967-1968.

The students recognized by this organization each year are nominated from approximately 800 colleges and universities. Campus nominating committees are instructed to consider, in making their selections, the student's scholarship, his participation and leadership in academic and extra-curricular activities, his citizenship and service to the school, and his promise of future usefulness.

Vick Putman attended undergraduate school at Southwest Texas State College, where he received a BS degree in biology in 1964. During 1964-65 he did a year of graduate work in physiology at the University of Texas. At law school he has held the number one position on the Dean's List almost continuously since first becoming eligible by attaining the requisite twenty-four semester hours. He is a member of the Law School's honor fraternity, Phi Delta Phi, and in his first year was a nominee for the Phi Delta Phi "Outstanding Freshman Law Student" award. He is the past coordinator of the Law Student Division of the American Bar Association, and in that capacity was the Law School's delegate to the 13th Circuit Convention of the Law Student Division. He is the coordinator between St. Mary's Law School and the San Antonio Trial Lawyers Association. He has won seven certificates of award from the Bancroft-Whitney Publishing Company for attaining the highest grade in Contracts I, Criminal Law, Domestic Relations, Evidence II, Procedure II, Marital Community and in Insurance. He graduated in January of this year.

Karl Rubinstein did his undergraduate work at Texas A&M University, and received a BA degree in English from there in January 1966. At Law School, he is a member of Phi Delta Phi, the Law School's honor fraternity and has been on the Dean's List each semester since attaining the requisite twenty-four semester hours. He is a past Treasurer of, and this Fall served as President of the Student Bar Association, "The Barrister Club," of the Law School. He is a past Associate Editor, and present Editor-in-Chief of the "Barrister News." He has won four certificates of award from the Bancroft-Whitney Publishing Company for attaining the highest grade in Contracts I, Contracts II, Property I and in Appellate Procedure. He will graduate from the School of Law in May 1968.

Student Bar



(Left to Right) Campos, Barton, Ribis, Rubinstein, Smith, Gonzalez, Jones, Kennedy, and Bock.

Elections for new officers of the Student Bar Association were held for the Fall Semester in October of 1967.

Karl Rubinstein was elected President and Luther Jones was elected Vice-president. Arnulfo Gonzalez was elected Treasurer. Nick Ribis was elected Secretary; Jesse Campos, Historian; Robert Kennedy, Parliamentarian; Ben Barton, Sergeant-At-Arms; Bennie Bock, Representative to Law Student Division of the American Bar Association and Mike Smith was elected Alternate Law Student Division Representative.

One of the main functions of the Fall administration is the annual Christmas party, and this year's "Christmas In Las Vegas," held on December 8th, was an unqualified success.

Mr. Charles Lieck, Sr. spoke to the student body about the goals of the graduate law student entering the profession, and Mrs. Carol Haberman lectured on the new changes in the Texas marital property laws which became effective on the 1st of January, 1968. Also, a panel of speakers from the Junior Bar Association has been scheduled for April of this year to explain some of the problems and opportunities of the young attorney who is starting out into practice.

The Constitution of the Student Bar Association was amended this semester, and the most important amendment established a Standing Law Review Committee whose aims are to solicit support from the student body of the Law School, and to study the feasibility of St. Mary's University publishing a law review, and to report its findings to the faculty.

Dean's List

Spring Semester 1967

SCHOOL AVERAGE — 74.4%

At the end of each semester, those students who have completed two full semesters of law work, and whose cumulative average places them in the upper ten percent of the total student body, are placed upon the Dean's Honor List, as students of academic distinction, and their names are recorded as a matter of permanent record. Only those students carrying a normal load or more are eligible. (12 hours—Day Division; 9 hours—Evening Division).

DAY DIVISION

	Average	Hours
1. Putman, Vick	84.2	77
2. Gowan, John R.	84.0	24
3. Beirne, Martin D.	83.2	28
4. Jones, Luther E.	83.1	29
5. Harper, Phyllis C.	82.1	58
6. Guess, James D.	82.1	38
7. Walsh, Steven H.	80.7	26
8. Bingham, Loyd E., Jr.	80.5	90
9. Cole, Howard S.	80.5	28
10. Smith, Michael M.	79.8	41
11. Sutton, Ronald L.	79.8	29
12. Lytton, Lee H., III	79.5	65
13. Rubinstein, Karl L.	79.2	53
14. Schulz, Harry J.	79.1	42
15. Sauer, Gordon E.	79.1	40
16. Harris, Anthony G.	78.9	25
17. Giblin, Leonard J., Jr.	78.5	38
18. Ombres, Marian E.	78.5	26
19. Fisher, Guy C.	78.5	25
20. Glaser, Richard	78.2	35
21. Mueller, Robert L., Jr.	78.1	52

EVENING DIVISION

	Average	Hours
1. Rocha, Juan, Jr.	82.5	58
2. Beneke, Ronald M.	79.3	32
3. Shields, John R., Sr.	79.1	23
4. Powers, William A.	78.9	23
5. Benson, Philip F.	78.8	83
6. Guinn, Ernest A., Jr.	77.2	25
7. Stockstill, Charles J.	76.4	60

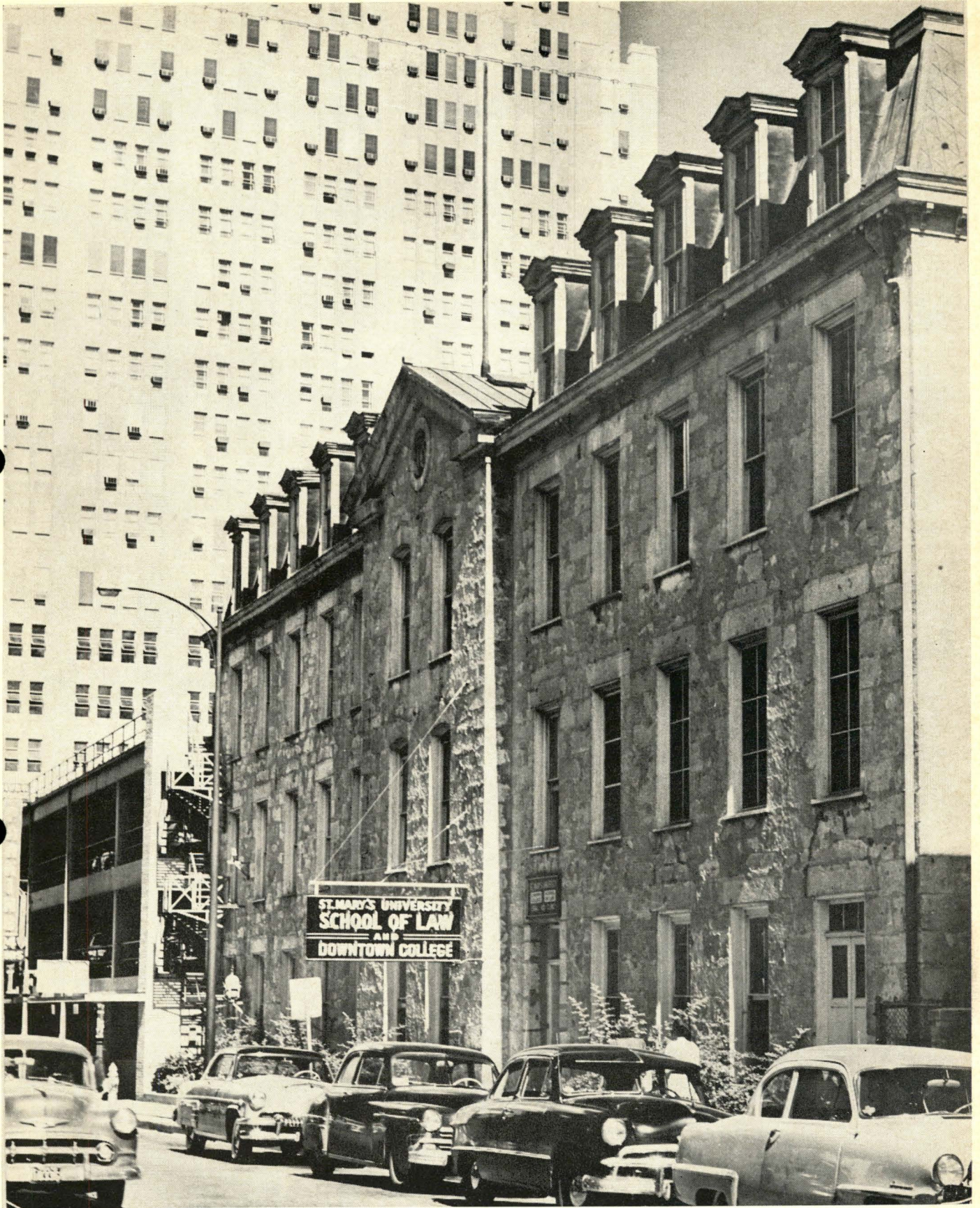
Summer Semester 1967

SCHOOL AVERAGE — 74.2%

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DAY DIVISION

	Average	Hours
1. Jones, Luther E.	82.2	41
2. Guess, James D.	81.3	50
3. Beneke, Ronald M.	80.0	43
4. Giblin, Leonard J., Jr.	79.7	47
5. Sutton, Ronald L.	79.7	40
6. Sauer, Gordon E.	79.6	50
7. Smith, Michael M.	79.6	48
8. Rubinstein, Karl L.	79.5	62
9. Walker, Frank B.	79.1	31
10. Mueller, Robert L., Jr.	78.9	60
11. Glaser, Richard E.	78.5	44
12. McGinnis, Jack M.	78.0	68
13. Muller, Charles J.	77.8	57
14. Easterwood, Rex W.	77.7	40
15. Guinn, Mary K.	77.5	64
16. Dunn, James R.	77.2	67
17. Reese, Morris M., Jr.	77.1	41
18. Canales, Jose A.	77.1	38
19. Ribis, Nicholas L.	77.1	37
20. Hyder, William F.	76.9	67
21. Siegel, Howard B.	76.8	27



The End

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